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Sulphur man pleads guilty to the illegal disposal of materials

BATON ROUGE – A Sulphur man pled guilty yesterday on charges of willfully or knowingly disposing waste.

Garry Lee Glass, 59, the former Director of Maintenance at West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital, pled guilty to ordering his subordinates to dispose of STERIS 20 Sterilant Concentrate by dumping several packages of the product into a storm drain. STERIS 20 is a corrosive material that is used for the chemical sterilization of medical devices.

In June, 2010, DEQ's Criminal Investigation Division received a complaint from DEQ's Emergency Response Division indicating that Glass ordered his subordinates at the hospital to dispose the STERIS 20 into a storm drain. The investigation led to Glass, who was subsequently arrested.

"Shortcutting proper disposal procedures is a serious matter and can cause a detriment to the protection of human health and the environment," said Jeffrey Nolan, Manager of DEQ's Criminal Investigation Division. "Anyone having knowledge of any type of illegal dumping activity should contact the DEQ immediately. Notifications can be anonymous and we welcome any assistance from the public in order to bring these violators to justice."

Glass pled guilty to the willful and knowing discharge of a substance in violation of the Louisiana Environmental Control Act. Glass was placed on one year of supervised probation, was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and must reimburse DEQ for \$1,500 in investigative costs.

The case was prosecuted by District Attorney John DeRosier and Assistant District Attorney David Palay.